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SUBJECT: GON WILL RECOGNIZE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

1. GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA HAS ADVISED ME THAT RESPONDING TO THE REQUEST OF THE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, THE GON WILL GIVE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

2. PRIVATELY, GENERAL SOMOZA ADVISED ME THAT RETIRED GENERAL EDUARDO LEMA MOLINA, PRESENTLY AMBASSADOR FROM CHILE TO NICARAGUA, WHO WAS SAID TO BE A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF ALLENDE, HAS CONTACTED HIM (SOMOZA) AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN NICARAGUA AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT. SOMOZA HAS ACCEDED TO HIS REQUEST. THIS IS NOT KNOWN BY ANYONE EXCEPT THE AMBASSADOR AND SOMOZA AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND AMBASSADOR LEMA MOLINA APPARENTLY CONTINUES TO FUNCTION AS AMBASSADOR UNTIL NOTIFIED OTHERWISE BY SANTIAGO. HE HAS INDICATED TO SOMOZA, HOWEVER, THAT HE EXPECTS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE RETAINED BY THE NEW JUNTA GOVERNMENT. SOMOZA FURTHER STATED THAT AMBASSADOR LEMA MOLINA HAD MADE A LOAN FROM A NICARAGUAN BANK AND HAS MADE PARTIAL PAYMENT ON A HOUSE WHICH HE IS APPARENTLY BUYING FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE HERE IN NICARAGUA. SHELTON

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